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SUBJECT: BELGIUM STILL HOLDING OUT ON EC PHARMACEUTICAL HARMON-
IZATION DRAFT DIRECTIVE

REF: EC BRUSSELS 10151

1. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION AND PERMREP SOURCES, BELGIUM
CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT AGAINST APPROVAL OF THE SECOND EC
DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON PHARMACEUTICALS (SEE REFTEL). THE
SUBJECT IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 10,
AND BELGIUM WILL HAVE TO DEFEND ITS POSITION.
WE UNDERSTAND MUCH OF THE BELGIAN RESISTANCE STEMS FROM
PRESSURE FROM THE BELGIAN PHARMACISTS' LOBBY. BELGIAN
PHARMACISTS SEE THEIR MONOPOLY OVER THE SUPERVISION OF
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION THREATENED BECAUSE THE DRAFT
DIRECTIVE RECOGNIZES THAT NON-PHARMACISTS MAY SUPERVISE
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION IF AUTHORIZED BY REGULATIONS
IN THE MEMBER STATES.

2. THE ARGUMENT BELGIAN OFFICIALS ARE ACTUALLY
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ADVANCING IS THAT THE PROPOSED DRAFT DIRECTIVES, AS THEY

INTERPRET IT, DOES NOT ALLOW MEMBER STATES TO CONTROL THE NUMBER OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET FOR A SPECIFIC USE. THEY ARGUE THE DANGER OF FLOODING AND ALSO A TENDENCY OF DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE HIGH PRICE PRODUCTS WHICH THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR. OTHER MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION COUNTER THAT THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE ALLOWS MEMBER STATES TO REFUSE MARKETING LICENSES OR CANCEL EXISTING LICENSES BY APPLYING "EFFECTIVENESS" CRITERIA. OF COURSE, SUCH CRITERIA MUST NOT BE USED TO COVER NATIONAL DISCRIMINATION. GREENWALD

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